FOOD DEPARTMENT RULES—OFFENCES UNDER

197. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of cases detected in the year 1119 and up to 30th Thulam 1120 for violation of Food Department Rules;

(*b*) what is the nature of the offences detected;

(*c*) how many of the detected cases were prosecuted;

(*d*) how many cases in (*c*) ended in conviction, what is the nature of the sentence in each case?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) 601 cases were detected in 1119 and 169 cases till 30th Thulam 1120. Total 770.

(*b*) (1) 372 cases of export of food stuffs.

(2) 55 cases of export of other articles.

(3) 284 cases of offences like misuse of ration card, Hoarding and Profiteering, failure to submit returns, etc.

(4) 12 under export of cattle.

(5) 10 slaughter of cattle.

(6) 37 cutting down of fruit trees.

(*c*) 545 cases were prosecuted.

(*d*) 345 cases have been convicted till 13th December 1944/28th Vrischigam 1120. Of these 220 were fines ranging up to Rs. 100, 31 were fines of Rs. 100 and above, and the remaining 94 were sentences of imprisonment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what is the period of imprisonment awarded in these cases.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is about two months.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to sub-division (*b*) (3) may I know, whether the Government is in a position to give us approximately the number of cases under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Proclamation in these 284 cases?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It comes to 60 cases.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to the 545 cases that were prosecuted how many of them fell under the Hoarding and Profiteering Proclamation.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I have said that the total number comes to about 60.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* How many of them ended in conviction?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* None of these cases has ended in conviction because the procedure requires the previous sanction of Government before charges are filed in court.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, how many cases under this head came from Mattancheri?

BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION

198. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any cases of bribery or corruption have been detected by the C.I.D. Department in Cochin State from 1st Chingam 1119 to 20th Thulam 1120;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they please state the number of such cases with the names of persons concerned in the same?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know what is the strength of the C. I. D. Department?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* We have not got a C.I.D. as such in the State.

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